Will Save and Create Jobs, Make Travel Safer

Medina County, TX—U.S. Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez (TX-23) today announced \$33.72 million to be spent on road projects throughout his Congressional district including nearly \$6.2 million to be spent on road projects in Medina County. The projects are funded in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and will be implemented through the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT). The road projects include new construction and road repair in Brewster, El Paso, Pecos, Edwards, Val Verde, Maverick, Uvalde and Medina Counties and according to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will create hundreds of jobs.

"The recovery package will greatly help Medina and other counties throughout our district especially as job losses continue to mount throughout Texas and our country," said Rodriguez. "The full package will create or save 269,000 jobs in Texas with an estimated 172 jobs just for the road projects in Medina County. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act also gives tax cuts to 95% of all Americans.

TX DOT also announced a \$140 million project connecting Highway 281 to 1604 in San Antonio that will benefit many of those who live within Rodriguez's Congressional District.

"Several of the best road projects in Texas that will help boost jobs and economic development to drive us into the future are right here in our communities," added Rodriguez.

Rodriguez made the announcement with Steve Simmons, Deputy Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Ruby Vera, Mayor of the City of Natalia and other officials. Further details on the projects are below:

Medina County:

\$2,641,359 to widen the roadway on FM462 from FM 1250 to .4 miles south of CR 540. \$1,899,750 to construct freeway ramps on IH-35 on NBFR from SH 173, north to .3 Mi north of CR777.

\$966,755 to construct new road on IH-35 from SH 173 to .1 miles north of Rossville Road. \$688,111 to construct freeway ramps on IH-35 from 2 miles south of CR770 to .1 miles north

of 770.

Brewster County:

\$4.75 Million to resurface roadway on US 67 from Mosely Lane to 7.921 miles West of Mosely Lane.

El Paso County:

\$315,226 to resurface roadway on FM1110 from the intersection of FM 76 and FM 1110 to the IH 10 Gateway West on FM 1110.

Pecos County:

\$2,417,418 to repair roadway on US 385 from Spur 194 to 17.9 Miles south.

Edwards County:

\$1,600,449 to construct a bridge on SH 55 at Little Hackberry Creek.

Val Verde County:

\$3,171,512 to repair roadway on US90 from 4.42 Mi South of SH 163 to 4.01 miles south.

Maverick County:

\$5.2 Million to repair roadway on US277 from .059 miles north of FM 1908 to 2.843 miles north of the FM 1664 North intersection

\$4,678,857 to repair roadway on FM2644 from the Dimmit County Line to FM1021.

Uvalde County:

\$5,391,180 to widen the roadway on RM187 from .2 miles south of US90 in Sabinal to .08 miles south of Sabinal River.

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